

# Ash R Smith

fibre artist, designer, educator



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Over 20 years of working with all ages, abilities and life experiences to facilitate opportunities for people to reconnect with the creative process as an opening for connection, purpose and change.

## EDUCATION

MFA | Theatre Design | Northwestern University, Evanston, IL

BS | Environmental Design | University of California, Davis, CA

Year-Long Immersive Program | Industrial Textile Design, University of Leeds, Leeds, England

## EXPERIENCE

2023 - Present | Teaching Artist, Young Audiences/RACC Right Brain Initiative, Portland, OR

2023 | Teaching Artist, private Circle-folding workshops, Portland & Coastal Oregon

2023 | Teaching Artist, Circle-folding Workshop, Willamette View, Portland, OR

2023 | Teaching Artist, Circlebook-making Teacher Workshop, Arts for Learning Northwest, Portland, OR

2022 | Crafts & Fabrics Artist, Michael Curry Design, Scappoose, OR

2021 - 22 | Lower School Interim Visual Arts Instructor, Catlin Gabel School, Portland, OR

2020 - 21 | Middle School Interim Visual Arts Instructor, Catlin Gabel School, Portland, OR

2019 - 20 | Art Adventures Camp Director, Catlin Gabel School, Portland, OR

2015 - 19 | Art Camps Program & Executive Director, Grace Institute, Portland, OR

2015 | Teaching Artist, Integrating Classroom Art, Centro Cultural Peruano Norteamericano, Arequipa, Peru

2014 | Teaching Artist, Quechua Grace Art Camp - Casa Chapi, Chivay, Peru

2012 - 2015 | Costume Designer & Course Instructor, Portland Community College at Sylvania, Portland, OR

2005 - 2015 | Grace Art Camp Teaching Artist, Grace Institute, Portland, OR

2007 - 2011 | Resident Guest Designer & Instructor, Vancouver School of Arts & Academics, Vancouver, WA

2004 - 06 | Montessori Lower El. Guide Assistant, West Hills Montessori & Childpeace Montessori, Portland, OR

## EXHIBITIONS, COMMISSIONS & PRODUCTIONS

2024 | Group Exhibition, *A Distant Center*, Artspace, Lake Oswego, OR

2024 | Group Fashion Show, *SH/FT an experiment in fashion design*, Arts for Learning NW, Portland, OR

2024 | Group Exhibition, *Heart of the Matter*, Gresham Area League for the Arts, Gresham, OR

2015 | Costume Design, *The Glass Menagerie*, Portland Community College at Sylvania, Portland, OR

2015 | Costume Design, *Hairspray*, Portland Community College at Sylvania, Portland, OR

2014 | Costume Design, *Much Ado About Nothing*, Portland Community College at Sylvania. Portland, OR  
 2014 | Costume Designer, *The Spoon River Project*, Portland Community College at Sylvania. Portland, OR  
 2013 | Costume Design, *Blythe Spirit*, Portland Community College at Sylvania. Portland, OR  
 2013 | Costume Design, *La Celestina*, Teatro Milagro. Portland, OR  
 2011 | Costume Design, *Eurydice*, Vancouver School of Arts. Vancouver, WA  
 2010 | Scenic & Costume Design, *On the Verge; or Geography of Learning*, Vancouver School of Arts. Vancouver, WA  
 2010 | Costume Design, *Storms and Scoundrels*, Vancouver School of Arts. Vancouver, WA  
 2009 | Scenic & Costume Design, *Alice in Concert*, Vancouver School of Arts. Vancouver, WA  
 2008 | Costume Design, *Metamorphoses*, Vancouver School of Arts. Vancouver, WA  
 2008 | Costume Design, *As You Like It*, Vancouver School of Arts. Vancouver, WA  
 2007 | Costume Design, *The Ashgirl*, Vancouver School of Arts. Vancouver, WA  
 2008 | Artist, *Moon Rocks*, Henry V Events. Portland, OR  
 2007 | Artist, *Keen Shoes Mosaic Mural for Sustainability/Hybrid STAND Festival*, Henry V Event. Portland, OR  
 2007 | Costume Design, *Rosalba y los Llaveros*, Teatro Milagro. Portland, OR  
 2006 | Illustrations & Instructions, *A Yoga Teachers' Manual*, MIKE Program. Portland, OR  
 1995 | Costume Designer, *Dear (world premier)*, Syracuse Stage, Syracuse, NY  
 1995 | Scenic Designer, *Abundance*, Artists' Repertory Theatre. Portland, OR  
 1994 | Costume Designer, *Tempest*, Tygre's Heart Theatre. Portland, OR  
 1994 | Costume Designer, *Baltimore Waltz*, Unicorn Theatre. Kansas City, KS  
 1993 | Costume Designer, *Oleanna*, New Mexico Repertory Theatre. Santa Fe NM

## COLLECTIVE LEARNING

2024, 2022 | *Embodied Social Justice Certificate*, Transformative Change  
 2023 | *Certificate in Somatic Strategies - All Levels* | Linda Thai  
 2021 | *Mindfulness Teacher Training and Certification* / MNDFL  
 2020 | *Just Communities: Leading & Learning Through Listening*, ISEEN Winter Institute. OR  
 2021 | *How to Intervene when Microaggressions Occur* / Nonprofit Association of Oregon.  
 2019 | *The Relative is the Absolute: Touching Race, Injustice, & Love* / Presence Collective  
 2018 -19 | *Talking Race, Love, & Liberation* / Radical Dharma Workshop Retreat. Portland, OR  
 2018 | *Interrupting Racism in the Arts* / Conflict Resolution NW & Young Audiences. OR  
 2017- 18 | *Art Workers for Equity (AWE); A Year's Learning Circle for Nonprofits*. Portland, OR  
 2017 | *Bringing Mindfulness to Teens Workshop* / Peace in Schools. Portland, OR  
 2013 - 14 | *200 Hour Yoga Teacher Training RYS* / DAYA Foundation. Portland, OR